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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn D. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Notification of the Planned Transfer of Indirect Control of Airbus DS Communications, Incorporated; Application of Airbus DS Communications, Incorporated for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based Local Exchange Service in the State of South Carolina;  
Docket No. 2016-313-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Airbus DS Communications, Incorporated ("Airbus DS Communications") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") of the planned transfer of indirect control of Airbus DS Communications as a result of the sale of the shares of its corporate parent, Plant Holdings, Inc. ("Plant Holdings") by Airbus Defense and Space, Inc. ("Airbus Defense") to Motorola Solutions, Inc. ("Motorola"). Airbus DS Communications understands that Commission approval is not required to complete the transactions described herein. Thus, Airbus DS Communications submits this letter for informational purposes only to ensure the continuing accuracy of the Commission's records.

**BACKGROUND**

Airbus DS Communications is incorporated under the laws of the State of California and is authorized to business in South Carolina by the Secretary of State. Pursuant to Commission Order No. 2016-870, issued on December 15, 2016, in Docket No. 2016-313-C, Airbus DS operates in South Carolina as a provider of facilities-based and resold local exchange service and intrastate interexchange telecommunications, but does not provide residential telecommunications service. Specifically, Airbus DS Communications offers 9-1-1 emergency services to government and quasi-government Public Safety Answering Points ("PSAPs"), including Internet Protocol

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based 9-1-1 call routing, database services, database management, and network services to promote advancement and migration of the PSAP networks to the Next Generation 9-1-1 architecture. In order to meet the needs of PSAPs, Airbus provides other local exchange telecommunications services and interexchange telecommunications services including business resold and facilities-based local, inter-interexchange, wholesale, or carrier-to-carrier Next Generation 9-1-1 services including data, voice, and/or wireless services as deemed necessary and in support of Next Generation 9-1-1 service.

Motorola Solutions is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware as the successor to an Illinois corporation, Motorola, Inc., organized in 1928. Motorola Solutions is a leading global provider of mission-critical communication infrastructure, devices, accessories, software and services. Its products and services help government, public safety, and commercial customers improve their operations through increased effectiveness, efficiency, and safety of their mobile workforces. Motorola Solutions serves its customers with a global footprint of sales in more than 100 countries based on its industry leading innovation and a deep portfolio of products and services.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION**

Under the terms of an "Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of 100% of the Shares of Plant Holdings, Inc.," Motorola Solutions intends to acquire from Airbus Defense, a Delaware corporation, 100% of the shares comprising the entire share capital and voting rights of Plant Holdings. Plant Holdings holds, and will continue to hold after the acquisition is consummated, directly or indirectly, 100% of the shares comprising the entire share capital and voting rights of Airbus DS Communications. Charts showing the pre- and post-transaction ownership structures of Airbus DS Communications are attached as Exhibit A.

Although the planned transaction will change the ownership structure of Plant Holdings, it will not have any immediate effect on the operations of Airbus DS Communications. Following the acquisition, Airbus DS Communications will continue to operate under the direction of the existing day-to-day management team and there are no current planned changes to such team. Accordingly, following the consummation of the planned transfer, Airbus DS Communications will continue to have the requisite technical and management qualifications to carry out its operations. The relevant contact information for Airbus DS Communications also will remain the same as the Commission's records currently reflect.

In addition, the planned transaction will not adversely affect any of the customers who receive services in connection with the ongoing operations of Airbus DS Communications. These customers will remain customers of Airbus DS Communications and will continue to enjoy the same rates, terms, and conditions of service as they did prior to the transaction. The planned transaction therefore will be transparent to the South Carolina customers of Airbus DS Communications in terms of the services they currently receive.

Furthermore, the planned transaction will benefit consumers and the public interest by, among other things, accelerating the development and deployment of Next Generation 9-1-1 services and promoting more robust public safety offerings that will benefit and protect South Carolina residents. The acquisition of Airbus DS Communications ultimately will enable Motorola Solutions to better meet the needs of public safety by offering improved, more robust, and more advanced emergency services. Specifically, it will strengthen Motorola Solutions' suite of software for emergency command centers and will enable expansion into new segments in U.S. emergency response solutions utilizing Airbus DS Communications' 9-1-1 call handling technology, enabling Motorola Solutions to compete for call handling for larger PSAPs and thus sell to a much broader set of public safety agencies.

### **CONCLUSION**

In sum, Airbus DS Communications submits that the planned transaction will affirmatively promote the service, accommodation, convenience, and safety of the public and will facilitate the deployment of more robust Next Generation 9-1-1 service offerings and related emergency services in South Carolina. The planned transaction therefore will help Airbus DS Communications to continue to provide services to its customers and potentially expand or enhance those services in the State.

By copy of this letter, I am serving counsel for the other parties of record to Docket No. 2016-313-C with a copy of same and enclose a Certificate of Service to that effect. If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

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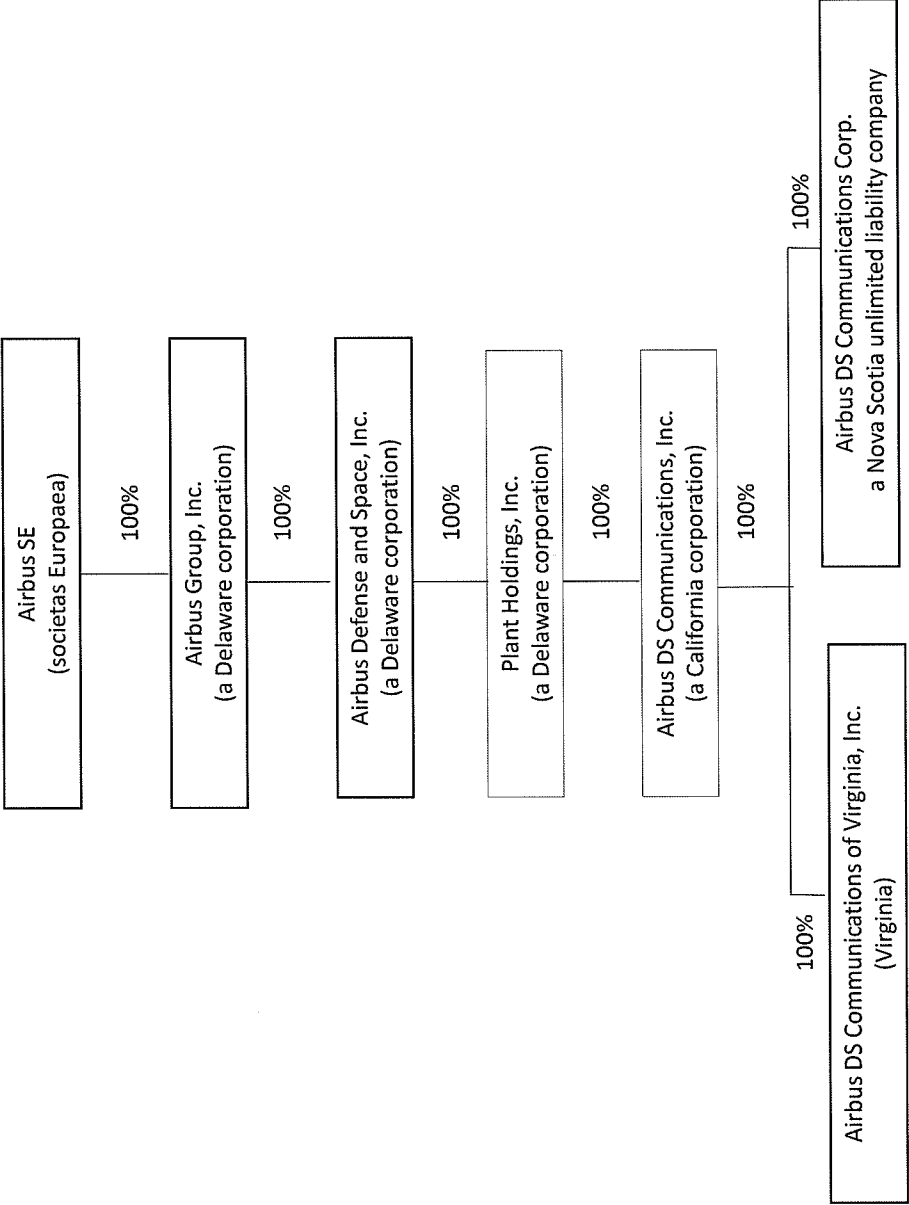
# **EXHIBIT A**

**Pre-Transaction Ownership Structure of  
Airbus DS Communications, Inc.**

**And**

**Post-Transaction Ownership Structure of  
Airbus DS Communications, Inc.**

Plant Holdings, Inc. Current Ownership Structure



# Airbus DS Post-Closing Legal Structure

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